

Semi-owned cats and cat semi-owners





Semi-owned cats

- Semi-owned cats make a significant contribution to cat overpopulation and shelter intake.
- They are fed or provided with other care by people who do not consider they own them.
- Varying sociability.
- May be associated with one or more households.
- Many are entire and have a high reproductive capacity due to supplementary feeding.



Cat semi-owners

- Many semi-owners in Australia.
- Provide a variety of care to their semi-owned cats.
- Cat semi-owners are attached to the cats they care for and feel protective of them.
- Human 'caretaker' not 'owner' – relevant for management strategies.
- Communication and approach to semi-owners must be different to that for owners.



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